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Suspect Charged with Theft of a NASA Computer

On September 29, 1999, Martin Gerard Forte, Maple Heights, OH, was charged with two state felony counts for automobile theft in the fourth degree and felony theft of a NASA-owned computer. The two felony charges resulted from a September 20, 1999, theft of an automobile owned by a NASA John Glenn Research Center employee. The NASA-owned computer was allegedly in the back of the NASA employee's vehicle at the time of the theft. The missing automobile was found abandoned in a Cleveland neighborhood a few days after the alleged crime. The NASA computer was not recovered.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, Detectives from the Maple Heights, OH, Police Department, and Security Officers from the NASA John Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, OH. The prosecution is being handled by Michael Ciaravino, Prosecutor, City of Maple Heights, OH, (216) 662-6000.

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